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BLM Plans Burns in Lincoln County

ROSWELL – Crews from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management have begun burning piles of debris in Lincoln County, according to BLM-Roswell Field Office Manager Ed Roberson.

The debris includes branches and brush gathered during fuels thinning projects last year near Fort Stanton. Smoke from the small fires now through March may be visible from Capitan, Fort Stanton, along Highways 380 and 37 and in the Sontaro Subdivision in southern Lincoln County.

During the pile burning, the BLM also plans to create a fire-safe perimeter, or “black line”, for two controlled burns along the eastern and western borders of Fort Stanton, according to Jim Desmond, BLM fire management officer. Dates for the controlled burns of 138 acres on the west boundary and 45 acres on the east boundary will be announced later.

Local fire agencies will join BLM personnel and equipment to ensure safety during the burns that will be carried out only under planned weather parameters.

“We want area residents to be aware of what we’re doing and not be alarmed,” Roberson said. “We hope that the smoke will be a signal reminding Lincoln County residents of the work being done on their behalf to prevent catastrophic fires.”

Information about the pile burnings is available at the BLM office, 2909 W. Second St., Roswell, or by calling Allen Wyngaert, fuels management specialist, at 627-0313 or 627-0301.